

City of Gloucester City Council

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CITY COUNCIL AND

CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE

Ordinances & Administration Monday, May 11, 2009 – 7:00 PM Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall

- DPW Audit Update.
- 2. Appointments:
 - a. Catherine "Cate" Banks, Waterways Board (TTE 2/14/12)
 - b. Robert Hastings, Downtown Development Comm (TTE 2/14/12)
 - c. Ronn Garry, Tourism Commission (TTE 2/14/12)
- 3. Order 2009-008 (Ciolino/Curcuru) Vehicles be banned from driving and parking on Parisi Baseball Diamond and Stage Fort Park during all scheduled events.
- 4. Order 09-023 (Tobey) Review Main Street Bus Parking Zone.
- 5. Communication from Sander Schultz, EMS Coordinator re: Ambulance Policies.
- 6. Order 09-016 (Tobey) O&A and Comm. for Arts create ordinance re: Poet Laureates and City Arts.
- 7. Fee Compendium
- 8. Discussion on a possible subpoena for the NEMLEC reports.
- 9. City Clerk's job description.

COMMITTEE

Councilor John "Gus" Foote, Chair Councilor Sefatia A. Romeo, Vice Chair Councilor Bruce Tobey

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

C: Mayor Jim Duggan Catherine Banks Robert Hastings Ronn Garry Judith Hoglander Mike Hale Mary Ellen Borge Sander Schultz Suzanne Egan Catherine "Cate" Banks

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13 April, 2009

The Honorable Carolyn Kirk Mayor of Gloucester City Hall 9 Dale Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mayor Kirk,

My passion for the success of the Waterways Board and civilian Harbormaster began when my husband and I sailed back into Gloucester Harbor in 1992 after a year of sailing around the Atlantic Ocean. We had a fresh perspective on the port's wondrous, natural beauty and a better understanding of why Champlain named it Le Beau Port.

At the time of my return Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances was being hotly debated. I couldn't help but to throw myself into that debate. And when I was asked to serve on the newly created Waterways Board I felt compelled to lend a hand to get things going in spite of my plans to sail off toward a new horizon again.

As is my nature, I worked tirelessly to help get the fledgling board and new Harbormaster's office up and running. And I am pleased that so much has been accomplished in the many years when I was away sailing.

There is much yet to be done. Things that I worked on await completion and new ideas need to be explored. It is for this reason that I offer to be considered for one of the vacant seats that now exists on the Waterways Board.

I assure you that I will work hard.

Cate Banke

Yours truly



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CITY OF GLOUCESTER OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 15, 2009

Ms. Cate Banks 8 Pilots Hill Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Cate:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Waterways Board. I have issued you a 90-day temporary appointment to serve on this board which will enable you to attend and vote at meetings. Our records indicate that you have already been sworn in at the City Clerk's office.

Your letter of interest will be forwarded to the City Council for their April 21, 2009 meeting. Your appointment will be referred out to the Ordinance and Administration subcommittee, and you will receive a notice from the Clerk of Committees as to the date on which the O&A Committee will review your appointment.

Should you have any questions or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Again, thank you for agreeing to serve on the Waterways Board. I truly appreciate the hard work and dedication you and your colleagues on the Board offer on behalf of the City of Gloucester.

Sincerely.

Carolyn A. Kirk

Mayor

cc:

Peter Bent, Chair-Waterways Board

James Caulkett, Harbormaster

CAK/c

Effective = 4 13 2009

The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts Dear Cate Banks, & Picors Hit. Gloucester

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have this day appointed you

to the Waterways Board

of the City of

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Respectfully,

N.B. You are required to be sworn in at the office of the Rity Clerk before acting under this appointment.

Sworn in

Chapter 10 WATERWAYS ADMINISTRATION*

*Editor's note—Ord. No. 17-1993, adopted Dec. 14, 1993, amended former Ch. 10, Arts. I—III, relative to the harbor and related waters, in its entirety to read as herein set out. The substantive provisions of former Ch. 10 derived from Code 1970. Sections 4-3, 101/2-17—101/2-25, 101/2-27, 101/2-29, 12-8, 12-18—12-21, 16-14, 16-16; and ordinances of Dec. 6, 1977; Jan. 10, 1978; Nov. 4, 1979; Feb. 3, 1983; Oct. 28, 1986; Aug. 4, 1987; Dec. 22, 1987; July 19, 1988; and April 4, 1989.

Cross reference(s)-Marshlands, Ch. 12; shellfish, seaworms and eels, Ch. 20.

State law reference(s)—Waterways, M.G.L.A. c. 91; provisions relating to Gloucester harbor, M.G.L.A. c. 102, §§ 3, 4; harbors and harbormasters, M.G.L.A. c. 102, § 17 et seq.

ARTICLE I. MANAGEMENT

Sec. 10-1. Waterways board.

The purposes of the waterways board is to provide a broad-based citizen management organization that guides the use and development of Gloucester's waterways and public waterfront facilities. The waterways board shall be the city body which establishes policies and regulations for Gloucester's waterways. It is intended that the board adopt clear, concise and fair policies and regulations that promote improved access to the water for all citizens, including commercial fishermen, business owners and recreational boaters. In cooperation with the harbormaster and other city staff, the board is intended to ensure that our waterways are well planned and maintained, utilized to the maximum extent possible, safe, and reflect positively upon the City of Gloucester.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

Sec. 10-2. Composition and term.

- (a) Composition. The Gloucester Waterways Board shall consist of seven (7) citizens of Gloucester, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The appointees shall include three (3) persons who are directly involved with the fishing industry, two (2) persons who are recreational boaters, and two (2) persons, at large, who need not be involved with any marine-related activity. The board shall observe Robert's Rules of Order, shall annually select a chairman from its membership and establish its rules of procedure. The board shall have nonvoting advisory members, as set forth in section 10-4 herein.
- (b) Term. The term of all members shall be three (3) years except that the initial terms shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than three (3) members shall terminate in any one year. If a member resigns or is removed for any reason before his or her term expires, the mayor shall appoint a replacement within one (1) month of the vacancy. Said appointment must be confirmed by the city council. Members of the waterways board and its standing committees shall be volunteers who are not compensated.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

Sec. 10-3. Authority and responsibilities.

The Gloucester Waterways Board is hereby empowered, and authorized to:

(a) Promote implementation of the City of Gloucester Harbor Plan, dated 1992, and, in cooperation with the appropriate city bodies, amend said plan from time-to-time as

circumstances warrant;

- (b) Establish policies, rules and regulations for the use of Gloucester's waterways and waterfront facilities, including but not limited to, mooring areas, public launch ramps, public landings, and public marinas;
- (c) Recommend to the city council fee schedules for moorings, launch ramps, slips at public marinas, and other waterfront public facilities and a schedule of fines for violation of waterways rules and regulations;
- (d) Oversee the operation and maintenance of all public launch ramps and related facilities, the public Lobster Marina at St. Peter's Square, and all other public marinas, landings, floats or access ramps;
- (e) Review and oversee the work programs, budget, staffing, training, effectiveness, management techniques and policies of the harbormaster's office and related city staff;
- (f) Work cooperatively with the harbormaster's office and related city staff on harbor management issues, enforcement of waterways rules and regulations and waterways development projects;
- (g) Review all waterfront development projects or zoning changes and report its findings and recommendations to the mayor, city council or other relevant board. The waterways board may required drawings, plans or other supporting documentation from project proponents for its review;
- (h) Act as the policy liaison between the City of Gloucester and the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, the State Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and other government agencies concerned with waterways;
- (i) Work with the harbormaster's office and related city staff to plan, design and undertake new projects such as dredging, mooring fields and access facilities;
- (j) Plan and encourage the development of signage and facilities for transient boaters and promote Gloucester as a well-equipped and hospitable port-of-call;
- (k) Work cooperatively with the harbormaster's office, police and fire departments, environmental police and other public safety agencies to ensure that Gloucester's waterways policies, rules and regulations and operating practices will protect the rights and property of waterways users and waterfront land owners, while maximizing public safety;
- (I) Delegate any of its responsibilities to a standing committee, the harbormaster or other staff person assigned by the mayor;
- (m) investigate new sources of revenue for waterways management and development.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

Sec. 10-4. Standing committees.

(a) Designation. There shall be three (3) advisory standing committees of the waterways board, appointed by the chairman; a waterways safety committee; a public facilities committee; and an operations and finance committee. The committees shall review, research, investigate and make recommendations on matters referred to them by majority vote of the full board. The committees shall send their reports and recommendations only to the full board which shall review them and take appropriate action. The harbormaster shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. Every member of the board except the chairman shall be on at least one

standing committee, and each committee shall elect its own chairman.

- (b) Waterways safety committee. This committee may be referred any matter dealing with: enforcement of boating laws and regulations; other law enforcement activities including the need and nature of police patrols during various times of the year and during special waterfront events; fire prevention and suppression needs; hazardous materials, emergency medical services; hazards to navigation; rules and regulations regarding use of the city's waterways; city ordinances dealing with the waterways or waterfront; and any other matter deemed appropriate by the board. This committee shall consist of: two (2) members of the board; the police and fire chiefs or their designees; and a representative of Coast Guard Station—Gloucester.
- (c) Public facilities committee. This committee may be referred any matter dealing with moorings; public launch ramps, including Dun Fudgin; public landings; public marinas, including the Lobster Marina at St. Peter's Square; signage; public access, including but not limited to, walkways to the water, access ramps and floats and dinghy floats, sewage pump-out facilities, waste oil recycling facilities; harbormaster floats and offices; and any other matter deemed appropriate by the board. This committee shall consist of: two (2) members of the board; an advocate of public landings appointed by the mayor; the director of public works, or his designee; and a member of the tourist commission.
- (d) Operations and finance committee. This committee may be referred any matter dealing with harbor planning, design, engineering or construction; budgets; intergovernmental relations; the harbormaster's office, including but not limited to, staffing, training, vessels and equipment, work and education programs; fees and fines; and any other matter deemed appropriate by the board. This committee shall consist of: two (2) members of the board; a member of the fisheries commission and a member of the city council.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

Sec. 10-5. Relationship to the harbormaster and city staff.

- (a) The waterways board shall work cooperatively with the harbormaster and other assigned city staff to implement the City of Gloucester Harbor Plan, as amended, and pursue the policies and goals of the board. In addition, the harbormaster and the board shall work together closely to ensure that the harbormaster's office is efficient, effective, and fair to all waterway users through review of work programs, plans operating procedures and budgets.
- (b) The waterways board shall work cooperatively with the harbormaster and other assigned city staff including police officers, such that the following duties are performed by the designated official or employee.

(1) Harbormaster:

- a. Operate, maintain, manage equipment and vessels assigned (harbormaster boat).
- b. Assign and oversee moorings.
- c. Coordinate with and report to waterways board--Meetings, staff, grants, etc.
- d. Operate and manage public launch ramps, landings, marinas and other public waterways facilities around the city.
- e. Gather information and make recommendations relative to the harbor-Commissioner's line, Chapter 91, permits, CZM regulations and other waterways issues.
- f. Promote Gloucester as a hospitable port of call—Provide information to visitors, provide water transport as directed by the mayor.

- Manage and maintain a harbormaster's office.
- h. Report to the mayor on administrative matters; report to board on policy matters.

(2) Police department:

- a. Enforce all Massachusetts Commonwealth laws while patrolling the city waterways.
- b. Operate, maintain and manage equipment and vessels assigned (police boat/fire boat).
- c. Investigate, prosecute criminal activity on waterways and waterfront in cooperation with other members of the Gloucester Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, USCG, etc.
- d. Make arrests on water.
- e. Report to the chief of police.
- f. Assist the fire department, US Coast Guard with fire prevention and suppression, law enforcement, hazardous materials investigations and emergency medical services.
- g. Check on lobster violations under the city ordinance and State Laws. Enforce MGL Chapter 130, Sections 31, 17, 18, 18a, 39, 41, 41a, 43, 44—Marine fisheries laws: Destruction of weir-fish trap; lobster and crab licenses; markings on buoys—exhibition of license; display of license numbers and buoy colors; hours of tending traps; taking of female lobsters with eggs; possession of short lobsters.
- h. Check properties on islands not accessible from land.

(3) Joint duties:

a. Enforce waterways laws, ordinances and rules and regulations (MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D (Fines and Ticketing) and Gloucester Code section 1-15 and MGL Chapter 90B, Sections 1–19 (Motorboats and other vessels) and other enforcement per MGL Chapter 102, Sections 17–28 (Shipping and Seaman, Harbor and Harbormasters).

Police: Plus all other applicable city and state laws.

b. Patrol city waterways.

Police: Enforce all Massachusetts laws.

- c. Respond to emergencies within scope, training and resources.
- d. Operate, maintain and manage equipment and vessels assigned (police boat/fire boat--police; harbormaster boat--harbormaster).
- e. Coordinate with other agencies and assist within scope, training and resources.
- f. Observe water quality, assist appropriate agencies.
- g. Assist in keeping navigation channels clear, keep harbor free of debris. Harbormaster: Primary responsibility.
- h. Patrol major events to promote and protect public safety-Fiesta, 4th of

July, Schooner Races, etc.

Police: Other occasions as directed by chief of police.

- Issue citations on water.
- j. Enforce the BWI, make arrests and bring complaints to court.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93; Ord. No. 21-1995, § I, 3-7-95)

Cross reference(s)-Police duties and joint duties concerning harbor management, § 17-1.

Secs. 10-6-10-19. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. ENFORÇEMENT

Sec. 10-20. Harbormaster appointment, qualifications and authority.

- ((a) Appointment in accordance with M.G.L.A. c. 102, § 19, the harbormaster shall be appointed annually by the mayor after joint interviews and consultation with the waterways board, and confirmed by harbormaster after an annual performance review conducted by the board and the mayor or his waterways board on policy matters.
- (a) Appointment. In accordance with M.G.L.A. c. 102/§ 19, the harbormaster shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years by the mayor after joint interviews and consultation with the waterways board, and confirmed by the city council (Ord. 02-50, 11/12/2002) The mayor shall fix the compensation of the harbormaster after an annual performance review conducted by the board and the mayor or his designee. The harbormaster shall report to the mayor on administrative matters and to the waterways board on policy matters.
- (b) Qualifications. The harbomaster shall cossess the following skills, knowledge or experience: small boat handling in heavy weather; navigation; rules of the road; waterways laws, rules and regulations and their enforcement; budget preparation; and staff management. Desirable skills or knowledge include water safety and life-saving; marine fire prevention and suppression; emergency medical care at the EMT level; waterfront construction techniques; the waterways permitting process; waterfront facilities management; water pollution control techniques and grant writing.
- (c) Authority. The harbormaster shall have all authority set forth in: the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited to Chapters 102, 90B and 91; the Code of Massachusetts Regulations; applicable federal laws and regulations; and the City of Gloucester Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

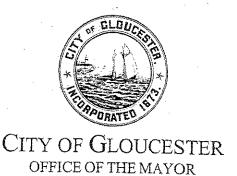
Sec. 10-21. Fines.

The harbormaster and assistant harbormasters shall have the authority to enforce any section of this chapter by way of the ticketing procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, c. 40, § separate offense.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-93)

Sec. 10-22. Responsibilities.

City Hall
Nine Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930



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April 28, 2009

Mr. Robert Hastings 196 Main Street, Unit 3 Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the **Downtown Development Commission**. I have issued you a 90-day temporary appointment to serve on this committee which will enable you to attend and vote at meetings. Please report to the City Clerk's office to pick up your appointment card (copy enclosed) and be sworn in at your earliest convenience.

Your letter of interest will be forwarded to the City Council for their meeting of May 5, 2009. Your appointment will be referred out to the Ordinance and Administration subcommittee, and you will receive a notice from the Clerk of Committees as to the date on which the O&A Committee will review your appointment.

Should you have any questions or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Carolyfi A. Kirk

Mayor

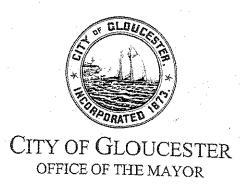
cc: John Orlando, Chair, Downtown Development Commission

Enclosure CAK/c

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The City of Cloucester, Massachusetts

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Ň.B.	You are required to be sworn in at the office of the City Clerk before acting under this appointment.
	Sworn in By:



TEL 978-281-9700 FAX 978-281-9738 ckirk@ci.gloucester.ma.us

April 28, 2009

Mr. Ronn Garry 209 Atlantic Road Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Ronn:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the **Tourism Commission**. I have issued you a 90-day temporary appointment to serve on this committee which will enable you to attend and vote at meetings. Please report to the City Clerk's office to pick up your appointment card (copy enclosed) and be sworn in at your earliest convenience.

Your letter of interest was forwarded to the City Council for their meeting of May 5, 2009. Your appointment will be referred out to the Ordinance and Administration subcommittee, and you will receive a notice from the Clerk of Committees as to the date on which the O&A Committee will review your appointment.

Should you have any questions or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mayor

cc: Laura Dow, Chair-Tourism Commission

Enclosure CAK/c

EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2009

The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Dear Ronn Garry, 209 Atlantic Road, Gloucest It is my pleasure to inform you that I have this day appropriate the Tourism Commission	pointed you of the City of
Gloucester, Massachusetts	
This is a 90-day temporary appointment, Af-	ter City Council
Respectfully, N.B. You are required to be sworn in at the office of the City Clerk by	perfore acting
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CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2009 CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDER:

#CC2009-08

COUNCILLOR:

Joe Ciolino/Steve Curcuru

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 02/24/09

REFERRED TO:

0&A

FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

Ordered that all motor vehicles, including trailers, be banned from driving and parking on the Parisi Baseball Diamond and outfields at Stage Fort Park during all scheduled events.

Councilor Joe Ciolino Councilor Steve Curcuru

Note: The field was regraded and seeded last fall at a considerable expense. Thanks.



CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2009 CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDER:

#CC2009-023

COUNCILLOR:

Bruce Tobey

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 04/28/2009

REFERRED TO:

0&A

FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the O&A Committee review a recently enacted movement of the Main Street Bus Parking Zone as requested in the petitions attached hereto and make appropriate recommendations to the full Council.

Councillor Bruce Tobey

We, the undersigned business and property owners on the stretch of Main Street impeded by the location of the bus stop for the downtown, request that it be moved up Main Street toward Pleasant Street.

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We, the undersigned business and property owners on the stretch of Main!!: 0:
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April 19, 2009

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GLOUCESTER, MA

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APR 15 2009

The Honorable Carolyn Kirk Mayor, City of Gloucester 9 Dale Ave. Gloucester, MA 01930

Mayor's Office

April 15, 2009

Dear Mayor Kirk,

I am writing you to propose that we update the Ambulance Billing and Collection Policy for the City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service in preparation for the FY 2010 Budget.

The first of these updates is to address the ambulance billing fee schedule. Our current fees are one year old and are set at Medicare + 50%. I am recommending that we increase our fees to the current Medicare + 80%. This increase is slightly greater than in the past, and based on Calendar Year 2008 run volume, will generate an increase in revenue of around \$174,000.00.

Last year I recommended that we implement a three part plan to reduce and manage our outstanding uncollected billing balance. All three recommendations have been implemented. The City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service currently carries an outstanding collections balance of around \$400,818.06. This dates back to 2007, and currently contains approximately 37% uncollectible debt.

As stated above, the current amount of outstanding and uncollected bills is \$400.818.06. 37% of this, \$150,699.15, is over 180 days old. Our billing company, Comstar Inc., sends us monthly reports including a cumulative request for write-off, which recommends specific outstanding bills that, based on individually stipulated reasons, should be written off. Of these bills, the ones that are over 180 days old date from 09/27/07 to 09/20/08, totaling \$150,699.15. The total length of this document is currently 26 pages.

- My first recommendation is to write off, as uncollectible, the \$150,699.15 as advised by Comstar, bringing the total outstanding debt owed to the City to \$250,118.91.
- My second recommendation, to exercise our policy of sending outstanding bills to a collections agency, has not actually been exercised. Our current billing policy provides for sending bills to the contracted collections agency after 4 bills have been sent over a 120 day period. Although this measure will in fact bring us less than 1% return on our outstanding balance, it will satisfy our due diligence to the citizens of Gloucester with regard to money owed the city.





My third and last recommendation was that the Fire Chief and the EMS
Coordinator annually review the list of uncollected bills and determine which and
how many should be written off. This year's review has occurred with the
proposed new rates, write-offs, and other changes to the billing policy indicated
above.

Our current recovery rate is between 80% and 90%, with the rest going uncollected. Having paid close attention to this for the past four years, it is my opinion that while this is still an acceptable recovery rate, we should be able to do better. In the coming year I will be pursuing avenues of improving this percentage.

Our financial hardship policy works well, utilizing a write-off procedure and will require a simple updating of the write-off levels. We use an accepted formula of two times the federal poverty level as defined by the Federal Government Department of Health and Human Services.

I recommend that this proposal be placed in the Mayor's Report to the City Council for their review and approval. In addition to recording the date of Council acceptance, a certified copy of the vote by the Council will be attached to the approved ambulance billing and collection policy.

Sincerely,

Sander R. Schultz

EMS Coordinator

Cc: Fire Chief Phil Dench





Attachments

Document One:

Draft update of the City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service Billing and Collection Policy

List of Attachments:

- 1. Current City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service Request for Write-Off Summary Report.
- 2. Current Cumulative Request for Write-Off from Comstar Inc., Pages 1 and 26.





Effective June 01, 2009

CITY OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLING AND COLLECTION POLICY

1. The City of Gloucester Fire Department Rescue Squads, d/b/a the City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service, charges all transported patients or responsible parties the same rate for ambulance services. The current rate structure is:

GLOUCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE June, 2009

DION #	
BLS Non-Emergency BLS Emergency	\$437.60
ALS Non-Emergency	\$700.16
	\$525.11
ALS 1 -Emergency	\$831.44
ALS 2	\$1203.39
SCT Special Care Transport	\$1,422.20
Oxygen	\$98.81
Airways	\$240.00
MAST	\$141.16
IV Therapy / IV Drugs	\$211.72
Cardiac Monitoring	\$296.47
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BLS Mileage	\$211.72
ALS Mileage	
Single Mileage Rate	***
Extra EMT	\$26.78
	\$360.00

- 2. The City of Gloucester policy is to bill all transported patients, or their responsible parties, regardless of whether they have third party coverage, with the following exceptions.
 - A. Obviously deceased persons with no emergency care intervention/transportation.
 - B. City employees injured in the course of his or her employment.
 - C. City employees retired on a job-related disability.
- 3. The City of Gloucester, through a contracted billing service, will bill the ambulance patient or responsible party shortly after services have been rendered.
- 4. When valid third party insurance information is available, our billing service will bill the insurance company directly.





- 5. When insurance information is not accessible or is incomplete, an initial monthly statement (Bill), detailing charges, requesting insurance information for third party billing as well as seeking write-off or payment plan proposals, will be sent to the ambulance patient or responsible third party (Attachment 2 Front and Back). When no response is received to the first bill, 2 additional bills shall be sent at 30 day intervals. The second and third bills shall contain a dumning notice as authorized by the City. Then a fourth bill (Attachment 7) shall be sent in letter form as approved by the City. This Fourth bill shall be a respectful demand for payment with a warning of referral of the bill to a collection agency. This fourth bill, letter, and mailing envelope shall be sent to the Fire Chief for a personal signature to be added.
- 6. All outstanding bills shall be transferred to a collection agency identified by the City (Attachment 3), 30 days after the fourth bill/letter is sent. The billing service shall cooperate with the collection agency in pursuing collections up to and including small claims actions in District Court.
- 7. If, after reasonable and customary attempts to collect a bill, the debt remains unpaid 30 days after the fourth bill is mailed to the patient or responsible party, the debt will be:
 - A. Written-off if the balance is \$50.00 or less.
 - B. Turned over to a collections agent when the bill exceeds \$50.00.
- 8. Collection efforts will include direct patient contact in person or via telephone, attempts at mail contact if direct contact is not successful, and filling of small claims court actions. Only licensed collection agencies will be employed. The collection agency will be instructed to follow strict guidelines including but not limited to:
 - A. Bills to deceased patients will be written off upon receipt of a copy of the death certificate from their family or estate.
 - B. Write-off patients who complete a write-off application and provide income records for the past two years, in the form of copies of Federal Tax Forms (i.e. W-2, or 1040) filings or a written statement signed by a verifiable employer or employers certifying income paid for the past two years.
 - C. Filing of small claims actions in District Court with acceptance of any payment plan imposed, and enforced by, the court.
 - D. No contacts with patients after hours allowed by collection laws/regulations.
- 9. The City of Gloucester may establish that the patient or responsible party is either indigent or medically indigent. The City of Gloucester will apply its customary methods for determining the indigence of patients or responsible parties under the following guidelines:
 - A. The City of Gloucester has adopted income guidelines which are 2 times the Federal Poverty Level (Attachment 1, Schedule A). These income levels will be compared to the family income reported by persons seeking write-off so as to determine write-off eligibility. Those persons with family incomes below the Schedule A levels will be written-off.
 - B. The patients indigence will be determined by the City of Gloucester not the patient (i.e., a user-originated statement of his/her inability to pay). A City of Gloucester Financial Information form, supplied by the City and completed by the person seeking to establish a payment schedule, or to have the bill written-off, will be used to detail income levels (see Attachment 4). The City Fire Chief, or his designee, reserves the right to require verification of the income reported on the Financial Information form, by production of Federal Tax Forms (i.e. W-2 or 1040), pay stubs, written employer statements, etc., prior to authorizing write-off. The Fire Chief or his designee shall approve write-off of all ambulance bills.
 - C. The City of Gloucester collection effort will include the use of a collection agency in addition to or in lieu of subsequent billing, follow-up letters, telephone contact or personal contacts. If a collection agency is used, the City of Gloucester will refer all uncollected patient charges of like amount to the agency without regard to patient class (i.e., first or third party bill).



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- 10. The Fire Chief and EMS Coordinator are directed to increase rates annually to coincide with the Medicare National + 50% standardized rate structure.
- 11. The Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service respects the privacy of patient information. The City's privacy policy, as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is provided as Attachment 5.
- 12. The Fire Chief and EMS Coordinator shall prepare for submission every year concurrently with the submission of this policy a recommendation for the write-off of uncollectible outstanding bills.

SIGNED:	Mrs W. Kish	
TITLE:	Mayor	**************************************
DATE:	4/28/09	

COMPANY OR SERVICE:

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service 8 School Street Gloucester, MA 01930



CITY OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT 8 SCHOOL ST. GLOUCESTER, MA 01930 978-281-9760



Effective June 01, 2009

CITY OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR BILL WRITE-OFF

SCHEDULE A

The following income guidelines represent double the current Federal Poverty Level Guidelines and are similar to those used by federal and local health care agencies in establishing benefit eligibility or medical care write-off eligibility.

FAMILY SIZE	_INCOME
1	\$ 21,660.
2	\$ 29,140.
3	\$ 36,620.
4	\$ 44,100.
5	\$ 51,580.
6	\$ 59,060.
7	\$ 83,220.
8	\$ 92,580.

Add \$3,740 to the income for each additional family member beyond eight.

Request for Write-Off Summary - CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Company IS CITY OF GLOUCESTER; AND Trip Date IS BETWEEN 09/28/2007 AND 09/20/2008; AND Status IS Billed OR Complete OR Not Billed OR On Hold OR Verified; AND Schedule IS WRITE-OFF REQUEST

Write-Off Reason ALL STEPS EXHAUSTED-MGT	Count 3	Amount
BAD ADDRESS/NO PHONE	31	1,225.33
BANKRUPTCY - PATIENT	-	24,694.35
DECEASED	f my	700.00
HARDSHIP REQUEST	7	2,275.42
HOMELESS / INDIGENT NO ADDRESS	3	760.52
INCORR/INSUFF INFO FROM CLIENT	18	14,028.51
LATE RESP FROM WELFARE PT-MGT	4	4,106.10
NO RESP TO COLLECTION LETTER	2	522.70
NO RESPONSE FROM PATIENT	115	97,136.78
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GRAND TOTAL

\$ 150,699,151



CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2009 CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDER: #CC2009-016 COUNCILLOR: Bruce Tobey

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 03/10/09

REFERRED TO:

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FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

Ordered, that the Ordinances and Administration Committee work collaboratively with the Committee for the Arts ["CTA"] to develop an ordinance that will govern the selection of future Poet Laureates and the making of other City arts decisions by delegating those selections to work groups created by COTA on a case-by-case basis, with said work groups including a City Council representative as well as a defined cross-section of community-based arts interests.

City Hall Nine Dale Ave Gloucester, MA 01930



TEL 978-281-9700 FAX 978-281-9738 ckirk@ci.gloucester.ma.us

CITY OF GLOUCESTER OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Memorandum

To: City Council President Tobey and Members of the Gloucester City Council

From: Jim Duggan, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: May 1, 2009

Re: Fee Compendium

Attached for your review are proposed new fees and amendments to existing fees from the Health Department, City Clerk, and Department of Public Works.

When applicable, the departments compared their fees against Rockport, Danvers, Salem, Beverly and Newburyport and made suggested changes to individual fees the department manager believes are appropriate.

Please refer the matter to the Ordinance and Administration. Necessary department personnel will be available throughout the process to answer any questions.

Health Department Fee Comparison Chart

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Food Service Retail	100	200	100+	100-300+	70.450	100	135
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Tanning	50	20	50	100/150	140	100	100
Funeral Directors	50	50	100	75		25	36
Food Service Mobile w/o PHF	09	100		The state of the s	TOWN MILES	100	100
Temporary Food Service w/PHF	120	50-200		75-100+	360,600	36	150
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City Clerk Fee Comparison Chart

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Underground Storage	45.00	5.00	150-500+	50-500	50-500 &	50-300	100.00
Taxi & Private Livery	30.00	20.00	100+50 per	30.00	50.00/cab	225.00	50.00
Class I, II, III	100.00	200.00	100 00	100 00	100.00	00 03	00 00 1
Junk Dealer	50.00	20.00	\$0.00	100.00	100.00	20.00	00.061
2nd Hand Articles	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	100,00	N/A	100.00
Misc. Permits/Licenses	20.00+	N/A	N/A	N/A	V/12	N/A	100:00
Hawkers & Peddlers	54.00	25.00	50.00	100/year,	62.50	N/A	100.00
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Manage memon	24.00	70.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	25.00	40.00
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Horribles Parade	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Labor Day Fireworks	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y/N
First Night	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business Certificate	00.09	20.00	30.00	25.00	10.00	30.00	100 00
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Data Processing	15.00	N/A	N/A	25.00	25.00	10.00	25.00
Short Form Vital	3.00	2.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.00
Street Listing Books	15.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	25.00
Resident Clam	40.00	N/A	5:00 Bait	2.00/year	10.00/year	N/A	20.00
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DPW FEE SCHEDULE

		Existing	Proposed
	SOLID WASTE		
Residential Rubbish	Trash bag	\$2.00	d
	Bulky item sticker	\$5.00	
	Appliance/CRT sticker	\$25.00	
	New recycling bin	\$5.00	
	CEMETERY		
Sale of lots	Full Grave	\$500.00	
	Cremation grave	. \$250.00	
	WATER		
Readings	Final reading	\$35.00	
	Service turn on/off (new service)	\$50.00	\$75.00
	(seasonal service)		\$50.00
	(routine plumbing)		\$50.00
Meters	5/8 inch	\$225.00	\$356.00
(includes bracket and RF)	3/4 inch	\$275.00	\$416.00
	1 inch	\$350.00	\$500.00
	1.5 inch	\$400.00	\$560.00
	2 inch	\$600.00	\$770.00
	replace RF		\$225.00
	test meter - fee only applies if meter works properly		\$100.00
	seasonal activation of meter/RF		\$100.00
Water Taps	1 inch	\$250.00	\$600.00
•	1.5 inch	\$350.00	\$750.00
	2 inch	\$450.00	\$850.00
Entry Fee	4 inch	\$600.00	\$4,500.00
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reflect any additional fees	8 inch	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
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Fire Service Connection			\$10,000.00
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	>2 inch to 4 inch		\$3,000.00
	>4 inch to 6 inch		\$4,500.00
	>6 inch		\$6,000.00
Backflow Device	Test	\$45.00	30,000.00
Residential		Ψ-2.00	\$45.00
Commercial			\$100.00
	Retest of device		\$30.00
lydrant Flow Test	per test		\$250.00
letered Hydrant	per day plus water usage		\$50.00
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Holding tank waste	Gloucester only	\$12.09	
Recreational vehicles	Residential & Tourist	\$5.00	
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Sewer Connection	Residential	\$100.00	
	Commercial/industrial	\$200.00	
Sewer Extensions (Mair		\$200,00	
line sewer)	Plan review-per linear foot	\$1.00	
	Inspection-per linear foot	\$2.00	
Drainage & Grading	Residential additions	\$100.00	
	Residential/new construction	\$200.00	
	Commercial additions	\$200.00	***************************************
	Commercial/new	\$400.00	
Road Opening	Application - each	\$200.00	
	Inspection - each	\$300.00	
Orain Layer	Application	\$100.00	
Copy Costs	8.5 x 11	\$0.25	
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	11 x 17	\$0.75	
	24 x 36	\$3.00	****

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Beach Stickers	Residential sticker	\$20.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Resident Armed Forces Service member	\$20.00	
	Non-domiciled Resident Senior Citizen sticker (65+)	n/c	
•	Non-domiciled Resident (property owner) sticker	\$50,00	
	Non-domiciled Resident (+60 day renter) sticker	\$50.00	
	Non-resident sticker - Essex and Rockport	\$100.00	
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Non-resident sticker - (200)	\$250.00	
	Re-issue fee	\$5.00	
arking Rates	Passenger car, station wagon, mini van		
GHB & WING	Weekdays 8:00AM - 3:00PM	\$20.00	
GHB & WING	Weekdays 3:00PM - 5:00PM	\$10.00	
GHB & WING	Weekends/holidays 8:00AM - 3:00PM	\$25.00	
GHB & WING	Weekends/holidays 3:00PM - 5:00PM	\$15.00	
GHB & WING	Motorcycle	\$5.00	
GHB & WING	Van (+7 seats) weekdays only Wingaersheek	\$15.00	\$25.
GHB & WING	Bus (+12 seats) weekdays only Wingaersheek	\$20.00	\$30.
GHB & WING	Bus (+25 seats) weekdays only Wingaersheek	\$25.00	\$35.
Stage Fort Park	Weekdays	\$10.00	
Stage Fort Park	Weekends	\$15.00	
Stage Fort Park	Van (+7 seats) weekdays only	\$15.00	
Stage Fort Park	Bus (+12 seats) weekdays only	\$20.00	
Stage Fort Park	Bus (+25 seats) weekdays only	\$25.00	
uest Voucher Discounts	Stage Fort Park (off the daily parking rate)	\$5.00	······································
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each & Park Rentals	Wingaersheek group use (Schools/YMCA's/Camps/etc)	\$25.00	***************************************
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	Stage Fort Park group use - non catered	\$50.00	······································
	Stage Fort Park group use - catered	\$200.00	
	Stage Fort Park - Bandstand / Gazebo Wedding	\$100.00	

	Stage Fort Park - Rose garden Wedding	\$100.00	
	Beach Wedding	\$100.00	
	SFP/Beach off season commercial usage	\$300.00	\$250.00
	SFP/Beach in season commercial usage	\$500.00	\$400.00
Building Usage	Permit fee	\$100.00	
	Custodial coverage per hour (min. 4 hours)	\$40.00	

City of Gloucester

Job Description

Title:

City Clerk

Supervisor:

City Council

Grade:

MS

Civil Service: N/A

Union: Exempt

Supervision Exercised: Provides supervision to Assistant City Clerk and clerical staff of the

City Clerks Office.

Responsibilities:

Plans, organizes, and directs specialized clerical operations of the City Clerk's, Elections, and City Council Departments. Maintains all official records of the City; conducts all elections; serves as Clerk to the City Council; participates in all activities prescribed by State Law and City ordinances.

Duties:

- * Serves as custodian of City records; supervises the recording and reporting of vital statistics, including births, deaths, marriages, ordinances, planning and zoning board decisions, personal property mortgages, tax liens, bills of sale and other documents. Certifies copies of records; provides reports of activities to various State, Federal, and City agencies.
- * Supervises the issuing of permits and licenses in accordance with State laws and City ordinances, e.g. hunting, fishing, dog, shellfish, amusements, raffles, etc. Collects and records fees; maintains records..
- * Serves as the Chief Election Official of the City; as Clerk to the Board of Registrars of Voters, officiates at all elections and assists in the tabulation of votes; prepares reports on election returns. Oversees voter registration, prepares ballots, supervises election officials and workers, administers campaign finance laws, certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions, accepts candidate petitions and interprets election laws. Prepares election records and reports all official election results to the Secretary of State.
- * As Clerk to the City Council, attends all meetings, serves as parliamentarian; supervises the recording of minutes of meetings, the preparation of materials for council meetings, and the notification of parties of actions taken at meetings. May oversee other city-related special events and functions.
- * Serves as overseer of Open Meeting Law, may conduct classes and responds to queries regarding the state ethics and conflict of interest laws.

- * Administers oath of office to elected and appointed City Officials; attests all official documents of the City with the City Seal; informs all elected and appointed officials in writing of the State's open meeting, conflict of interest, ethics laws and codes.
- * Conducts the annual City Census; prepares street list of residents, school list, and furnishes the jury list to the offices of the Jury Commissioner. May prepare redistricting plan(s) as required by law.
- * Serves as voting member of the Gloucester Licensing Commission and regulates vending, taxi's, junk dealers, etc. doing business within the City.
- * Provides access to public records, including the provision of certified copies of vital records, minutes of public meetings, ordinances, etc. May assist with genealogical research for members of the public. Responsible for the maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.
- * Prepares annual budget for City Clerk, City Council and Elections Departments and supervises maintenance of department accounting records. Prepares annual report to the Mayor and Council.
- * Exercises direct supervision over Assistant City Clerk and several clerical personnel; assigns work, evaluates performance and provides training and technical guidance as necessary.
- * Maintains effective communications with all City Departments, the Mayor, City Council, and the public regarding questions of law, procedures and information related to City records.

Qualifications:

- * Bachelor's degree, plus four years management experience in related field OR equivalent, combination (8 years) to be professionally qualified by virtue of education, training and experience.
- * A minimum of two years supervisory experience.
- * Knowledge of management and accounting principles.
- * Considerable knowledge of state and local laws governing elections, licensing, vital statistics and related laws governing operations of City Clerk's office.
- * Good knowledge of parliamentary procedures.
- * Considerable knowledge of City organization.
- * Considerable knowledge of office practices and procedures, particularly records maintenance.
- * Ability to interpret and follow detailed legislative procedures.
- * Ability to make accurate arithmetic calculations.
- * Ability to speak and write effectively.
- * Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.
- * Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, employees, City Council and other departments as well as State and Federal officials.